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SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK - GOZ REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

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1. CURRENT OPERATION POL REQUIREMENTS FOR FAZ ARE EST 1000
CU METER JP-1, 500 BARRELS GASOLINE, AND 500 BARRELS GASOIL FOR
A SEVEN DAY PERIOD. WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT A QUANTITATIVE IMPACT
OF ANY SUSTAINED COMBAT OPERATIONS ON FUEL CONSUMPTION RATES, BUT
OBVIOUSLY A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE CAN BE EXPECTED. ZAIRE HAS
EXPERIENCED CHRONIC FUEL SHORTAGES OVER THE PAST YEARS DUE TO
LACK OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. THE CERTAIN INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION
RATES AND REDUCTION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AS A RESULT
OF THE ATTACK IN ZAIRE'S COPPER-PRODUCING REGION WILL COMBINE TO
THREATEN GOZ'S ALREADY SCARCE ASSETS.

2. TO ALLOW ZAIRE TO PLAN ON AN ADEQUATE AIRLIFT FOR RESUPPLY AND
A SUSTAINED EFFORT IN SHABA WITH AN ASSURED POL SUPPLY, GEN BABIA
HAS REQUESTED THAT \$2.0M IN RESIDUAL FMSCR 77 BE ALLOCATED AT THIS
TIME. THIS ASSURANCE OF HARD CURRENCY AVAILABILITY WILL PERMIT
GOZ TO PLACE AN ORDER WITH PETROZAIRE/FINA IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO
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ASSURE A STEADY SUPPLY OF THIS COMMODITY FOR THE NEAR FUTURE/

3. FYI: ABOVE IS CONJUNCTION WITH REFERENCE ARE ONLY GOZ REQUESTS
FOR US ASSISTANCE RECEIVED THUS FAR. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER,
WE ANTICIPATE SHORTLY REQUESTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES ON A PRIORITY
BASIS ON FMS, CASE MBC. THIS IS AN OPEN-END CASE FOR \$500,000
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY USG AND SIGNED BY GOZ USING FY 77 RESIDUAL

CREDIT.

4. IN VIEW OF SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGES WHICH APPARENTLY
DEVELOPING IN KOLWEZI AS RESULT OF REBEL OCCUPATION, WE MAY ALSO
EXPECT URGENT REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT OF RATIONS. IN FACT, MOBUTU
MENTIONED PROBABLE NEED FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE DURING CONVERSATION
WITH AMBASSADOR MAY 16. WE WILL EXPLORE THIS PROBLEM FURTHER WITH
VIEW TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS.

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